

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Rev. G. W. Lawson will conduct the services and preach at the Second Presbyterian Church to-night. Mrs. J. H. Bell, accompanied by Miss Bertha Bell, of Pollocksville, N. C., were in Norfolk yesterday. A. Garland, wife and two boys, of Washington City, are at the Atlantic. Mr. A. H. Asken, of Harrellsville, N. C., was in the city yesterday on business. Miss B. T. Dalby, Miss J. H. Hughes, accompanied by Mr. W. B. Dalby, of Petersburg, spent a disagreeable day in Norfolk yesterday. Mr. Harry C. Macklin, of Roanoke, a popular chief clerk in the Norfolk & Western general offices, is in Norfolk. Commander C. H. Rockwell, U. S. Navy, is in the city from Port Royal. He is stopping at the Monticello. Mr. John B. Leonard, of San Francisco, is in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hall, of Washington, were guests yesterday of Mr. Sylvanus Stokes, at the Monticello. Mr. W. T. Connor and wife, of Baltimore, arrived in our city yesterday and are stopping at the Monticello. Mr. T. L. Craig, of Gastonia, N. C., was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. J. C. Latham left for Washington, D. C., where he will be married tomorrow to Miss Annie M. Blanchard, the ceremony to be performed by Rev. S. H. Greene, D. D., of Calvary Baptist Church. No cards. Meeting of the Washington Circle of the King's Daughters at Mrs. H. K. Wolcott's, Park Place, Thursday at 11 o'clock. The Francis Barnes Ys will hold an important meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Rebecca Brown has gone to Newberry, N. C., her former home, to spend several weeks with friends. Misses Elsie Boydin and Isabel Taylor, of Richmond, are the guests of Miss Louise Sheldon, No. 214 York street. Mr. W. H. H. Teece, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Louise Teece, returned yesterday morning from a pleasant trip to Havana and other parts of Cuba. Ruth Lodge of Mason conferred the second and third degrees last night. Rev. H. E. Johnson, D. D., will deliver a lecture on "The Witch of Endor" at Cumberland Street M. E. Church to-night.

BRAMBLETON WARD.

In reporting the address of Rev. Dr. W. J. Young, on "Bible Study" in yesterday's issue of the Virginian-Pilot, the item incorrectly stated that it was delivered in Spurgeon Memorial Church when it should have said Park Avenue Baptist Church. The mistake was purely unintentional. Mrs. W. T. Hicks, of No. 465 East Highland avenue, is improving after a serious illness of several weeks. Corinthian Lodge of Masons had work in the second degree last night. The Busy Bee Society of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, will meet with Miss Eillian Whitehurst, No. 365 North Park avenue, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Notwithstanding the rain, a large and highly appreciative audience witnessed the concert given by the leading amateur talent of Norfolk at Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church last night. The excellent program published in Sunday's issue of the Virginian-Pilot was carried out in the main, to the delight of all present. Mr. McLouhan accompanied the performers very exquisitely on the piano. Mr. W. B. Traylor, of South Park avenue, employed at S. R. White's plow factory, is confined to his home by a painful burn on his foot, received while at work several days ago. Mrs. W. O. Thomas, of East Highland avenue, has returned from a visit to relatives in Hampton. Rev. L. R. Christie, pastor of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, will begin a series of meetings at his church Sunday night, looking to a revival of religion. The Brambleton Independent Democratic Club will meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the club rooms.

ATLANTIC CITY WARD.

Rev. W. T. Williams entertained the Board of Stewards of LeKies Memorial M. E. Church last night with an elegant supper at the parsonage on Central avenue. Despite the inclement weather a good sized audience attended the "Liliputian Wedding" at LeKies Memorial Church last night. The entertainment was a most meritorious one. A most interesting meeting of the Silver Cross Circle of the King's Daughters was held at the residence of Mrs. T. C. White, on Riverview avenue, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. J. C. Sibbey, of Fredericksburg, Va., who has been visiting Mrs. Jesse Greene, on Front street, has returned home highly delighted with her trip to Norfolk. Electric car No. 1, of the Lambert's Point Line, on its way to the city from the Point at 11:30 a. m. yesterday, made the track at the corner of Charlotte and Granby streets. It was pulled on the track by a car of the Church street line.

THE OLD WAY

Of Treating Dyspepsia and Indigestion by Dieting a Dangerous and Useful One. We say the old way, but really it is a very common one at present time and many dyspeptics and physicians as well consider the first step to take in attempting to cure indigestion is to diet, either by selecting certain foods and rejecting others or to greatly diminish the quantity usually taken, in other words, the starvation plan is by many supposed to be the first essential. The almost certain failure of the starvation cure for dyspepsia has been proven time and again, but still the moment dyspepsia makes its appearance a course of dieting is at once advised. All this is radically wrong. It is foolish and unscientific to recommend dieting for starvation to a man suffering from dyspepsia, because indigestion itself starves every organ and every nerve and every fibre in the body. What the dyspeptic wants is abundant nutrition, which means plenty of good, wholesome, well cooked food and something to assist the weak stomach to digest it. This is exactly the purpose for which Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are adapted, and this is the method by which they cure the worst cases of dyspepsia. In other words the patient eats plenty of wholesome food and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets digests it for him. In this way the system is nourished and the overworked stomach rested, because the tablets will digest the food whether the stomach works or not. One of these tablets will digest 2,000 grains of meat or eggs. Your druggist will tell you that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the purest and safest remedy for stomach troubles and every trial makes one more friend for this excellent preparation. Sold at 25c. for full sized package at all drug stores. A little book on stomach diseases mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. mh16,17,18

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

MRS. F. H. WALTERS. The obsequies of Mrs. Fredrice Hunter Walters, daughter of the late Mr. Aaron Milhoad, and relict of the late Joseph M. Walters, were held from the residence, No. 21 Brown street, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. C. E. Grammer, of Christ P. E. Church. The remains were laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery. Following were the pall-bearers: Major R. C. Taylor, Messrs. C. W. Grand, Lee Boush, George Chamberlaine, George P. Henneberry, Alex. Santos, Captain John H. Sharp and Captain John R. Todd. MR. JAMES E. RAY. Mr. James E. Ray, a native of Winchester, Va., but who has been a resident of Washington, D. C., for the past 39 years, died yesterday morning at St. Vincent's Hospital, where he had been under treatment, aged 42 years. The funeral will take place from H. D. Oliver's undertaking establishment at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The remains will be sent via the Washington steamer to his late home for interment.

AMUSEMENTS.

PROF. WINCHESTER'S LECTURE. "The English Lakes and Their Poets," which will be the attractive subject of Prof. Winchester's lecture in the Lyceum Course at the Academy of Music Thursday evening, March 16th, should bring out in force the lovers of literature. Such a theme gives to the fluent and witty speaker exactly the scope that he requires to make a narrative that is altogether captivating in its range and interest. Prof. Winchester knows all the dainty gossip that is connected with the lives of the poets whom he discusses, and he knows all about the appearance and surroundings of the lakes which they loved to celebrate in rhyme. His discourse sparkles with humor, runs over with information, and is frequently beautified by delicate, yet profound pathos. Few lecturers are more entertaining. For tickets, apply at the box office of the Academy.

THE BAND CONCERTS.

Sale of seats for both concerts of Lieutenant Godfrey's British Band at the Academy of Music Saturday, March 18th, will commence to-morrow morning, 9 a. m., at the Theatre. Prices: \$1.50, \$1.00 and 50c. The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer of March 11th says: "The British Band filled Charlotte full of music and enthusiasm yesterday and last night. Not even the famous Sousa, whom American delights to honor, drew such a house as greeted Lieutenant Godfrey and his regiment last night. The matinee audience was fairly good, but the night audience was large—there being standing room only—and represented in its personnel a large portion of the musical culture and fashion of Charlotte and other towns in this section. It was a magnificent audience, and as such a handsome tribute to the Britishers. Recent events have brought the two great English-speaking nations together; have cemented a bond that makes the "Star Spangled Banner" incomplete without "God Save the Queen." This harmony of spirit found beautiful expression last night in the music of Godfrey's Band, American and English airs alternated or blended with harmonious and inspiring effect."

THE SOLICITING COMMITTEE.

ARE BEING APPOINTED FOR THE MAY MISCHIANZA. The special committee appointed by the directors of the Tidewater Carnival Association to select the soliciting committees for the May Mischianza, met in the rooms of the Business Men's Association last night and began its work. A special committee will be appointed for each branch of business in the city. The names for quite a number of these committees were selected last night and to-day General Manager Anderson will endeavor to see these gentlemen and get their consent to serve. The committee does not anticipate any trouble raising the necessary amount of money to successfully carry out the undertaking, and it is confidently expected that the spring jubilee will equal most of similar entertainments given in other Southern cities. The Advertising Committee will meet to-night, when the order for lithographs, etc., will no doubt be given out. Mr. Bolton, representing the Hoop Lithographing Co., has submitted a beautiful design for a poster and quoted a very reasonable price for it, and the committee will very likely give Mr. Bolton the order at once, as it is very important to get this advertising matter distributed as early as possible. General Manager Tom Anderson will have his headquarters for the present in one of the rooms of the Business Men's Association. Though engaged in several other enterprises he will give the Mischianza much of his time, and predicts great success for the carnival.

Will Overhaul Water Rates.

The Water Board has decided to make a thorough revision of the water rates with a view to correcting any errors which may exist. The clerical force has been increased and an inspection of the department begun. It is said that of the errors discovered the majority are in favor of the consumer. It appears that there has not been a general overhauling of this department for many years. As a matter of fact, it is a department which the public knows very little about. Heptasophian Reunion. There will be a reunion of the three Norfolk Conclaves of Heptasophos, or S. W. M., at Ingram's Hall, Brambleton avenue, on next Monday night. It is proposed to make it a memorable occasion in the history of the order in this city. These reunions will be repeated from time to time, alternating between the conclaves.

THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT'S HOME STUDY CIRCLE

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tive body made up of representatives chosen by general vote, one from each canton. These councillors are elected for six years, one-half being renewed every three years. The membership of the council varies from fifteen or twenty to more than sixty, according to the size of the department. Its main business is to consider the budget of the department and the management of the schools, the local courts, administration of roads, railroads, lunatic asylums, poor relief and other similar administrative work of the department. In all cases, if in his judgment it oversteps its jurisdiction, the president of the republic may annul its acts, and he has in all cases a veto. It has no right of taxation, although it may appropriate certain moneys for the expense of local government. The chambers at Paris have the power to determine strictly the source of the money that it is to use, and the president or minister, through the prefect, can, if he will, direct the administration. Likewise the district (arrondissement) has a sub-prefect appointed by the prefect, responsible to him and really acting merely as his agent; also a council of the district elected, one member from each canton, has the function of dividing among the communes the share of the taxes which must be paid by the district. The sub-prefect and council are always in a position, of course, to furnish suggestions and advice to the administrative officers appointed by the central government. The canton has no separate administrative work. It is, as we have seen, an electoral district. It is also a judicial district for the justice of the peace. A muster district for the army, a school district, etc., serving as a convenient territorial unit for administrative organization.

The commune is the unit of local government and in many cases it is a unit of real local self government, for the tendency is not to interfere. Every commune elects a municipal council of from ten to thirty-six members, according to its population. This municipal council elects a mayor from among its own members and one or more assistant mayors, according to the size of the commune. When the mayor, however, is once elected, he becomes immediately the agent of the central government at Paris, and is responsible to it, not to the council. The municipal council may pass ordinances for the government of the commune, which, however, require the confirmation of the prefect, or, in the case of certain important cities, of the president of the republic, before they become valid. The mayor or the municipal council may be suspended for a month by the prefect for due cause, although the suspension need be only a political one. This period may be extended, as was lately done in the case of the mayor of Algiers, to three months by the minister of the Interior, or, in case of need, the mayor may be removed or the council dissolved. With this perfectly centralized organization on the one hand and with the powerful temptation for a tottering ministry to support itself by making appointments pleasing to some of the deputies, one readily sees how just may be the complaint sometimes, France has a despotic government with a continually changing despot.

On the other hand, one must not overlook the obvious advantages of having practically all the local governments throughout a country like France organized on substantially the same plan from the smallest village to the largest cities nor the increase in efficiency that will certainly come from having local officials perform their work under the inspection of trained officers who are able to furnish to one section of the country the experience gained in another. Some of the excellent results of the rigid system of organization are to be seen in the magnificent systems of roads and bridges and aqueducts and in the munificent patronage of the arts and sciences even under the republic.

J. R. Jenkins

Cornell University.

EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATES.

At the end of the term of seventeen weeks a series of questions on each course, prepared by Professor Seymour Eaton, will be published in the Virginian-Pilot, and blanks containing the questions will be furnished every subscriber making application for same. Two weeks will be allowed after the courses close for the receipt of examination papers containing answers. These papers will be referred to a Board of Examiners, who will assist Professor Eaton, and as soon as the work of examination is complete, the result will be reported and certificates issued to the students entitled to them.

Concert at the Chamberlin.

Prof. Miller, organist of Christ Church, assisted by Miss Alice Oliver, Miss Raynor and Mr. Wm. Richards, gave a delightful parlor concert at the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point, Monday night.

WOMAN'S TROUBLES.

The troubles of woman are legion, most of them being caused by female weakness and irregularities brought on by overwork and worry. Many women are so run down in health that life has become a burden to them. But experience and skill can change all this. Dr. Greene, 25 West 14th St., New York City, the eminent specialist, and the most successful physician in the country in curing diseases, has made a special study of the complaints of women and never fails to effect a cure even in the most desperate case. Any sick woman can consult Dr. Greene by letter, free. Let her describe her case to him in all confidence and he will write her the advice that will soon make her well.

BOOKER'S LAST PROPHECY.

THE NORFOLK AND WESTERN'S FIND—DIRE CALAMITY COMING.

"Dr." Booker, who will be recalled in connection with the prediction that Norfolk would be visited by an earthquake last August, called on the Virginian-Pilot yesterday with the information that he had just returned from the Flat Top coal regions, whither the Lord took him in a vision, that he might acquire valuable information and impart it to the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company. "Dr." Booker does not know any of the officials, but knowing that all of them took and read the Virginian-Pilot, he adopted it as a quick, sure and reliable communication.

"I was caught up in a vision," said the prophet, "and carried to the Norfolk and Western coal mines. I was put down on the eastern boundary line, where I saw a man strike his pick into the coal, and the oil burst out clear, and running like a ditch full of water. I was against caught up and carried to the western line, where I saw the same thing. "The Lord said to me, 'Go and tell the Norfolk and Western people, who control all this ground and coal, that they may know what I shall give them.' This ended the vision, and I have fulfilled the Lord's wish."

DIRE CALAMITY COMING.

"Dr." Booker had other visions to unfold, some of them pregnant with dire calamity for the goodly city of Norfolk. The Virginian-Pilot, at his earnest request, will relate them. "The Lord showed me that a disease now among the people is not what the doctors call it, and that it was sent upon them as a punishment for sin. It is black leprosy. Unless the people repent He will punish them more. "The next plague will be yellow fever. The Lord told me to proclaim that he would send it upon the city next fall and the people would die off like sheep. Put it in your paper, please. They tell me every body will see it then. I can't see all the people to tell them."

"Dr." Booker says he foresaw and foretold, a Church street shoe dealer being his auditor, the sewer cave-in on Cove street, and the destruction of Emerald Hall. The Lord did not tell him to proclaim these visions to the people.

The "Dr." before his departure from the local's sanctum sanctorum, said: "If I could not have told you these things, but the Lord commanded me to do so, I have been somewhat against your paper because it called me a fake when the earthquake, which I foretold had been called back by the Lord, failed to come."

Change Takes Place.

Manchester, Va., March 3, 1899.—L. E. Bush, 177 Buchanan street, this city, states that one of his boys became washed in fresh and was quite strong and fleshy. The boy is 21 years old.

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If they are clogged up disease must result. I have always been TROUBLED WITH A STUFFY FEELING IN MY NOSE, the left nostril especially being CLOGGED UP SO THAT I COULD HARDLY BREATHE through it at all. As a result, I often had to sit up in bed on account of not being able to breathe freely, and WOULD HAVE TO BREATHE THROUGH MY MOUTH. WHEN I AWAKENED MY MOUTH WOULD BE FULL OF DRY AND TASTED BAD. OF LATE I SUFFERED OFTEN WITH HEADACHE AND A TINGLING FEELING IN THE THROAT. I HAD A HEAD COLD MOST ALL THE TIME, and the stoppage of the nose had affected my speech somewhat. Dr. Frey's treatment has made me feel entirely like a new man. I CAN BREATHE AS FREELY I THINK AS ANYONE, without the least inconvenience, sleep soundly, apparently HAVING NO COLDS to contend with, no tickling in the throat, etc., and only those who have suffered as I have can really appreciate what Dr. Frey has done for me. ABE JACOBOSKY, 220 High street, Portsmouth, Va.

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